

JULY 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 Sts. Peter & Paul | 30 | 1 Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ | 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day First Friday | 5 First Saturday |
| 6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Solemnity of St. Benedict Pro-Life Vigil | 12 |
| 13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 All-Night Adoration |
| 27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 First Friday | 2 First Saturday |

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| Please pray for: | |
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| Repose of the Souls of: | 2nd Lt. Alexander Kleitz, U.S. Space Force |
| Pope Francis | 1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army |
| Jeff Nelson | Lt. Col. Lynn W. Sullivan, U.S. Army |
| Parishioners in the Military: | Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder, U.S. Marine Corps |
| 2nd Lt. David Bentley, U.S. Air Force | 2nd Lt. Noah Velasco, U.S. Space Force |
| Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force | 2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force |
| Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space Force | Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army |
| Petty Officer 1st Class Paula Gennitti, U.S. Navy | Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh, U.S. Air Force |
| 1st Lt. Adam Giannattei, U.S. Army | Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army |
| Sgt. Major Chad Keirns, U.S. Army | Master Sgt. A. Youngblood, U.S. Army |
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* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



SEVENTH SUNDAY
after
PENTECOST

July 27, 2025



Sunday Schedule:

Low Mass: 7 a.m.
9 a.m.
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

Confessions:

One-half hour before Mass and Saturdays at 4 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday: 8 a.m.
Thursday: 6 p.m.
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Hour:

Thursday: 7 p.m.

Pastor:

FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.

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Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter parish in Colorado Springs

the Authentic SPIRITUALITY in PRAYER of St. Teresa of Avila

The Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila

Shortly after this, His Majesty began to give me clearer signs of His presence, as He had promised me to do. There grew within me so strong a love of God that I did not know who was inspiring me with it, for it was entirely supernatural and I had made no efforts to obtain it. I found myself dying with the desire to see God and I knew no way of seeking that life save through death. This love came to me in vehement impulses, which, though less unbearable, and of less worth, than those of which I have spoken previously, took from me all power of action. For nothing afforded me satisfaction and I was incapable of containing myself: it really seemed as though my soul were being torn from me. O sovereign artifice of the Lord, with what subtle diligence dost Thou work upon Thy miserable slave! Thou didst hide Thyself from me, and out of Thy love didst oppress me with a death so delectable that my soul's desire was never to escape from it.

No one who has not experienced these vehement impulses can possibly understand this: it is no question of physical restlessness within the breast, or of uncontrollable devotional feelings which occur frequently and seem to stifle the spirit. That is prayer of a much lower kind, and we should check such quickenings of emotion by endeavoring gently to

turn them into inward recollection and to keep the soul hushed and still. Such prayer is like the violent sobbing of children: they seem as if they are going to choke, but if they are given something to drink their superabundant emotion is checked immediately. So it is here: reason must step in and take the reins, for it may be that this is partly accountable for by the temperament. On reflection comes a fear that there is some imperfection, which may in great part be due to the senses. So this child must be hushed with a loving caress which will move it to a gentle kind of love; it must not, as they say, be driven at the point of the fist. Its love must find an outlet like a pot to which fuel has been applied indiscriminately. The fire must be controlled at its source and an endeavor must be made to quench the flame with gentle tears, not with tears caused by affliction, for these proceed from the emotions already referred to and do a great deal of harm. I used at first to shed tears of this kind, which left my brain so distracted and my spirit so wearied that for a day or more I was not fit to return to prayer. Great discretion, then, is necessary at first so that everything may proceed gently and the operations of the spirit may express themselves interiorly; great care should be taken to prevent operations of an exterior kind.

Upcoming Parish Events

No Sunday Brunch Today

Sunday brunches will resume Aug. 17. For more information or to volunteer, contact Marcella Guilez, dmjmfamilylove@aol.com.

August 7 ~ Choir Rehearsals to Resume

Those interested in singing in the main choir, Men's Schola, or St. Polycarp polyphonic choir must attend this meeting. For more information, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

August 16 ~ Altar-Boy Training

St. Benedict's Altar Guild will meet Aug. 16 after the 8 a.m. Mass. All young men who have made their first Holy Communion are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Nathan Wike, cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com.

These other impulses are very different. It is not we who put on the fuel; it seems rather as if the fire is already kindled and it is we who are suddenly thrown into it to be burned up. The soul does not try to feel the pain of the wound caused by the Lord's absence. Rather, an arrow is driven into the very depths of the entrails, and sometimes into the heart, so that the soul does not know either what is the matter with it or what it desires. It knows quite well that it desires God and that the arrow seems to have been dipped in some drug which leads it to hate itself for the love of this Lord so that it would gladly lose its life for Him. No words will suffice to describe the way in which God wounds the soul and the sore distress which He causes it, so that it hardly knows what it is doing. Yet so delectable is this distress that life

holds no delight which can give greater satisfaction. As I have said, the soul would gladly be dying of this ill.

This distress and this bliss between them bewildered me so much that I was never able to understand how such a thing could be. Oh, what it is to see a wounded soul — I mean when it understands its condition sufficiently to be able to describe itself as wounded for so excellent a cause! It sees clearly that this love has come to it through no act of its own, but that, from the exceeding great love which the Lord bears it, a spark seems suddenly to have fallen upon it and to have set it wholly on fire. Oh, how often, when in this state, do I remember that verse of David: *Quemadmodum desiderat cervus ad fontes aquarum* [As the hart panteth after the fountains of water, so my soul panteth

* MASS INTENTIONS *

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, July 28 ~ Sts. Nazarius and Celsus

8 a.m. — + Fr. Clark Moore

Tuesday, July 29 ~ St. Martha

8 a.m. — + Regina Autobee, by Velma Hill

Wednesday, July 30 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — + Fr. Richard Rego

Thursday, July 31 ~ St. Ignatius Loyola

6 p.m. — + Augustín de la Huerta

Friday, August 1 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — Kelsey & Chad's Marriage, by Angelina

6 p.m. — In Reparation to the Sacred Heart

Saturday, August 2 ~ Alphonsus Liguori

8 a.m. — Doug Keiderling, by Greg Breitenstein

11:30 — In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart

Sunday, August 3 ~ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

+ Intentions accepted. Limit one Mass intention per family, per month. +

after Thee, O God." *Psalm 41:2*], which I seem to see fulfilled literally in myself!

When these impulses are not very strong they appear to calm down a little or, at any rate, the soul seeks some relief from them because it knows not what to do. It performs certain penances, but is quite unable to feel them, while the shedding of its blood causes it no more distress than if its body were dead. It seeks ways and means whereby it may express something of what it feels

for the love of God; but its initial pain is so great that I know of no physical torture which can drown it. There is no relief to be found in these medicines: they are quite inadequate for so sublime an ill. A certain alleviation of the pain is possible, which may cause some of it to pass away, if the soul begs God to grant it relief from its ill, though it sees none save death, by means of which it believes it can have complete fruition of its Good.

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